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Dear Examiners Martinez and Langel

Thank you for your time yesterday.

I have attached for your review draft claim amendments. I would appreciate your comment or the opportunity to discuss these with you.

I have attempted to present the method claim we discussed (Claims 7 and 8), a new claim that introduces specific materials for a flash chromatography column relying on the inherent association of such materials to flash chromatography columns (Claims 9 and 10), and new claims 12 and 13 which more broadly seeks to limit by inherent limitations found in flash chromatography columns.

Please feel free to call to discuss (512 372 8440) or to suggest a suitable time for me to call you.

With best regards,

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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancel) A flash chromatography column for flash chromatography comprising spherical and porous silica gel having particle size between 3 and 45 µm and pores between 30 and 300Å.
2. (cancel) A flash chromatography column for flash chromatography with semi-spherical and porous silica gel having particle size between 3 and 45 µm and pores comprised between 30 and 300Å.
3. (Currently Amended) The column for flash chromatography according to claims 1 or 2 Claim 7, 9, or 11 wherein the flash chromatography column contains containing between 10 mg to 1 kg of spherical and porous silica gel or semi spherical and porous silica gel.
4. (cancel) The flash chromatography column for flash chromatography according to claims 1 or 2 manufactured with tubes as well as with syringe bodies or similar forms.
5. (cancel) The flash chromatography column for flash chromatography according to claim 3 and manufactured with tubes as well as with syringe bodies or similar forms.
6. (Currently Amended) A pre-filled flash chromatography column for flash chromatography according to claims 1 or 2 9, 10, 11, or 12 adapted to purify synthetic products in quantities comprised between 10 mg to 100 g.
7. (new) A method for purifying a product comprising:
performing a flash chromatography process by:
introducing an eluent with at least one product to be purified into a flash chromatography column pre-

filled with a spherical and porous silica gel having particle size between 3 and 45 μm and pores between 30 and 300 \AA ;

cause the eluent to flow through the pre-filled column;
and

obtain a separation of the at least one product to be purified.

8. (new) A method for purifying a product comprising:

performing a flash chromatography process by:

introducing an eluent with at least one product to be purified into a flash chromatography column pre-filled with a semi-spherical and porous silica gel having particle size between 3 and 45 μm and pores between 30 and 300 \AA ;

cause the eluent to flow through the pre-filled column;
and

obtain a separation of the at least one product to be purified.

9. (new) A pre-filled flash chromatography column for purifying a product, comprising

a plastic or glass tube; and

spherical and porous silica gel having particle size between 3 and 45 μm and pores between 30 and 300 \AA placed inside the flash chromatography tube.

10. (new) A pre-filled flash chromatography column for purifying a product, comprising

a plastic or glass tube; and

semi-spherical and porous silica gel having particle size between 3 and 45 μm and pores between 30 and 300 \AA placed inside the flash chromatography tube.

11. (new) A pre-filled flash chromatography column, comprising

a tube or syringe for flash chromatography; and
spherical and porous silica gel having particle size between 3 and 45 μm and pores between 30 and 300 \AA placed inside the tube or syringe for flash chromatography.

12. (new) A pre-filled flash chromatography column, comprising

a tube or syringe for flash chromatography; and
semi-spherical and porous silica gel having particle size between 3 and 45 μm and pores between 30 and 300 \AA placed inside the tube or syringe for flash chromatography.

13. (New) Claim 8, 10, or 12 wherein the flash chromatography column contains between 10 mg to 1 kg of semispherical and porous silica gel.